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1. PLEASE AMEND REFTEL TO DELETE SECTION VI. IMPROVE
CONSULAR RELATIONS, AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

BEGIN QUOTE:

VI. IMPROVE CONSULAR RELATIONS
THE EMBASSY IS HAVING SOME SUCCESS THROUGH WORKING-
LEVEL CONTACTS IN OBTAINING FORMAL NOTIFICATION OF
ARRESTS OF U.S. CITIZENS AND GAINING QUICKER CONSULAR
ACCESS. A CLARIFICATION OF OUR CONSULAR RIGHTS
AND PANAMA'S RESPONSIBILITIES IN THIS
REGARD CAN BEST BE OBTAINED BY NEGOTIATING A BILATERAL
CONSULAR CONVENTION IN WHICH THE ISSUES ARE ADDRESSED
FORMALLY. THE STATUS OF DUAL NATIONALS IN PANAMA
SHOULD ALSO BE ADDRESSED IN SUCH NEGOTIATIONS.
THIS MATTER IS OF GREAT CONCERN TO AMERICANS BORN IN
THE CANAL ZONE WHO ACQUIRED PANAMANIAN CITIZENSHIP
AT BIRTH AND WHO CANNOT NOW RENOUNCE SUCH OBLIGATIONS.
AND WHETHER OR NOT IN THE CONTEXT OF A CONSULAR

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CONVENTION, AN AGREEMENT MUST BE CONCLUDED ON EXCHANGE
OF PRISONERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE IX.11 OF THE
PANAMA CANAL TREATY. IN ACCORDANCE WITH CONGRESSIONAL
INTENTIONS SPECIFIED IN THE MEXICAN AND BOLIVIAN CASES,
THE LATTER WOULD HAVE TO BE A TREATY SUBJECT TO ADVICE
AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE. END QUOTE.

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